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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 6, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 14 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

FIGs. 4A, 4B and 4C are simplified perspective diagrams illustrating various embodiments of a securing mechanism. It will be appreciated that some structural elements of the illustrated securing mechanism arrangements have been omitted from FIGs. 4A, 4B and 4C for clarity. The 410 and 420 arrangements may generally employ a biasing element 411 to cause the substrate to abut one or more structures ~~412~~ 412a and 412b in a secure and predictable manner as described above. In the 410 embodiment, for example, a unitary structure ~~412~~ 412a may be fixedly attached to movable portion while a biasing element 411 may be operative to bear against one portion or edge of the substrate, biasing substrate against structure ~~412~~ 412a. In this instance, biasing element 411 may be spring-loaded, for example, or manually manipulated and locked or otherwise secured (such as with a set screw, for example) in a desired position to provide necessary or suitable biasing force.

Page 6, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 26 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

In the 420 embodiment, biasing element 411 may be implemented as a screw; in this arrangement, screw revolution may selectively increase, decrease, or release the biasing force exerted on the substrate. As noted generally above, some structural elements have been omitted for clarity. The exemplary 420 embodiment employs multiple securing structures ~~412~~ 412b fixedly or movably attached to movable portion in a predetermined or selectively adjustable manner. It will be appreciated that one or more of structures ~~412~~ 412b may be moved or relocated relative to movable portion and relative to each other; in accordance with this aspect of the 420 arrangement, structures ~~412~~ 412b may be selectively manipulated to accommodate substrates of differing sizes and dimensions.

Page 7, delete the whole paragraph starting in line 6 and replace it with the following new paragraph:

In the embodiment designated by reference numeral 430, securing structures ~~412~~ 412c may generally be implemented as posts or other suitably sized protrusions or projections

dimensioned to engage holes or bores 439 disposed at appropriate locations in a proprietary or modified substrate. FIGs. 4A, 4B and 4C are not intended to depict all possible variations for a securing mechanism; those of skill in the art will recognize that other alternatives within the scope and contemplation of the present disclosure may have utility in various applications or system implementations.